

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A process for the flotation of sylvinite, said process comprising contacting to a floatation pulp ~~The use of a mixture of~~

A) at least one compound of the formula



where R^1 is a C_8 - C_{22} alkyl radical and X^- is an anion, and

B) a branched fatty acid having a chain length of 8 to 22 carbon atoms
~~as collector in sylvinite flotation.~~

2.(Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in process of~~ claim 1, wherein R^1 has a chain length of 12 to 20 carbon atoms.

3.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1 use as claimed in claim 1 and/or 2,~~ wherein X is an anion selected from the group consisting of [[a]] chloride, formate, [[or]] acetate, and mixtures thereof ~~anion.~~

4.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1 use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3,~~ wherein constituent A is stearylamine acetate.

5.(Currently Amended) ~~The process of claim 1 use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4,~~ wherein constituent B is a branched carboxylic acid having 14 to 22 carbon atoms.

6.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein constituent B is isostearic acid.

7.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the mixing ratio of A:B is 90:10 to 10:90.

8.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1 ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein ~~[[, in addition,]]~~ said mixture further comprises additional components selected from the group consisting of glycols, residues from oxoalcohol synthesis, [[and/or]] water, and mixtures thereof ~~is present~~.

9.(Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8~~ process of claim 1, wherein said flotation pulp comprises ~~in amounts of 10 to 500 g/t of said mixture~~.

10.(Original) A composition effective as flotation reagent comprising

A) at least one compound of the formula



where R¹ is a C₈-C₂₂ alkyl radical and X⁻ is an anion, and
a branched fatty acid having a chain length of 8 to 22 carbon atoms.